

Roanoke River Clean-up Plan (Part II) Final Public Meeting Notes

July 14th 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Meadowbrook Center, Shawsville, Virginia

Attendees: Robert Trout; Charles Maus; Katie Shoemaker (EEE representing VDOT); John Burke (Town of Christiansburg); Mary Dail, James Moneymaker, Charlie Lunsford (DEQ); Ginny Snead, Susan Lindstrom, Erin Hagan (Louis Berger Group); Chris Sidney, Tom Roberts (Roberts Engineering); Allen Sisson (Dairy Farmer); Mark Broomell; Javad Torabinejad (Coalition for Blacksburg Waterways); W.S. Cumbie (Landowner); Dennis R. McCarthy (Virginia Department of Forestry); Doug Burton (Montgomery County); Amanda McGee (Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission); Marie Goodwin; Sue Perry; Joyce Graham.

James Moneymaker welcomed attendees and described the importance of having clean streams, Total Maximum Daily Loads and how streams are evaluated for water quality problems. He went over the history of the project, the water quality impairments, and detailed why folks should be concerned about water quality. James presented highlights from the Clean-up Plan and talked about types of best management practices that were determined to be appropriate in the North Fork and South Fork Roanoke Rivers and tributaries. James showed two videos: the first was related to the benefits and drawbacks of installing cattle exclusion fencing and the second video showed a veterinarian discussing herd health concerns when cattle spend time in streams and ponds where they defecate. James discussed funding sources. Mary Dail presented information about water quality standards and monitoring and introduced the station locations. Mary discussed the different monitoring programs including biological monitoring, fish tissue and sediment monitoring.

Questions were asked about funding sources (specifically WQIF), pharmaceuticals in drinking water, E. coli water quality standards, testing for heavy metals, bacteria sources, cattle exclusion fencing and fencing maintenance. Concerns were raised regarding streamside vegetation causing problems for farmers when streams flood. There were concerns raised about whether or not bacteria water quality standards are attainable. About half of the attendees heard about the meeting via James Moneymaker's email. A few attendees saw the meeting sign posted at a North Fork Roanoke River bridge crossing. A couple of attendees saw the WDBJ channel 7 news story and others saw an article in the paper.

Link to the draft Clean-up Plan: [Upper Roanoke River Watershed Clean-up Plan \(Part II\) - Draft for public comment](#). Written comments to the draft Clean-up Plan may be submitted to:

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